**Phil 4:5-9 supplement Fruit of the Spirit: Peace**  © 2016 WF Cobb Truthbase.net ***DailyTruthbase.Blogspot.com***

I. Peace is wholehearted unity with God’s perspective/purpose, which opens the door to freedom from anxiety, and harmony with others

A. Peace w/ God is found in believing and humbly accepting God's provision for our sin thus bringing us into proper rlshp w/ Him

B. Peace with others is found in unity-joint submission to God's perfect will, as we walk in/acc to the Holy Spirit *(Js 3:14-18)*

**II. Peace as freedom from anxiety/loss** *(desire/fear/anger/strife)* **to those who abide in the powerful sovereign God of love** *(Rm 8:28)*

Phil 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

5 Let your moderation/forbearing spirit be known/displayed to all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 Be anxious/distracted/divided for nothing, *Mt 6:25,27,28,31,34*

 but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving,

 let your requests be made known to God;

7 and the PEACE of GOD, which surpasses all understanding,

 will guard/sentry your hearts and minds thru/in Christ Jesus.

**Thankful** that:

*+God is in control/sovereign/powerful/nothing to difficult;*

 Jer 32:27 Behold, I am YHWH/the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?

*+God has a plan and purpose for us and the circumstances of our lives (Joseph)*

 Gen 50:20 You meant evil against me but God meant it for good, in order to...save many

*+God sympathizes with us invites us to pray (and prays for us Rm 8) and answers our prayers*

 Heb 4:16 Let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need

*+God has allowed trials for our benefit (cf Job)*

 Heb 12:6,11 yields peaceable fruit of righteousness to those trained/disciplined

 1Pt 1:7 praise, honor, glory *(cf Rm 8:18 & 2Cor 4-5)*; Js 1:2-5 all joy; Rm 5:1-5 hope

 Rm 8:28 we know that all things work together for good *8:17* to those who love God, called acc His purpose

*+God will always supply all we need (grace/power) to do His will (cf Paul 2Cor 12)*

 2Cor 9:8 God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you,

 always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

 Phil 4:13 I can do all things thru Christ who strengthens me 19 My God shall supply all your need thru Christ

Phil 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true/in harmony with the truth *(cx demonic disunifying lies)*

...noble/worthy of honor/being honored

...just/meeting the standards of justice/righteousness

...pure/promoting purity/holiness

...lovely (pro-philos)/promotes love/benevolence/amiable-good rlshps

...of good report/auspicious speaking *(edifying?)*

if there is any virtue/arete – excellence of character thru mastered passions

and if there is anything praiseworthy – reflects well on us/God

--- **meditate** on these things. *(so you can emulate/do them)*

9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, **these DO**, and the GOD of PEACE will be with you. *Mt 28:19-20*

Jn 14:15 If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever ---17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He **dwells** with you and will be in you.

21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me.

 And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and **manifest** Myself to him."

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, Lord, how is it that You will **manifest** Yourself to us, and not to the world?

23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word;

 and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our **home** with him.

24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words;

 and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

25 These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name,

 He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

27 **Peace** I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.

 Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. *(Barnacle Believer)*

IV. Peace as reward/blessing to those who are holy/sanctified/pure in heart in their following of Christ  *Num 25:12; Ezk 37:26; Mal 2:5*

V. Path/Process to Peace Produced by HS as we align our thots, values, will, and actions with His Word and Will *Rm 12:1-2*

**Questions for Reflection/Discussion/Response:**

1. Are you at peace with God, others, and your circumstances? How does your view of God and what you think about determine your peace?

2. Who is winning the battle for your mind, HS or Satan? How can God;'s HS/Word produce love, joy, peace, unity, and blessing in/for you?